



# ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## **HB 2415: in-state tuition; veterans**

**PRIME SPONSOR:** Representative Lawrence, LD 23

**BILL STATUS:** [Military, Veterans & Regulatory Affairs](#)

### **Legend:**

G.I. – Government Issued

Amendments – **BOLD** and ~~Stricken~~ (Committee)

### **Abstract**

Relating to in-state tuition for veterans.

### **Provisions**

1. Authorizes that a person is entitled to immediate classification as an in-state student if they demonstrate evidence of intent to be an Arizona resident along with the following requirements:
  - a. The person is a veteran using educational assistance under the post 9/11 G.I. benefits program and enrolls in an Arizona university or community college within three years after the discharge of active duty service of 90 days or more;
  - b. The person is enrolled in an Arizona university or community college using the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry scholarship;
  - c. The person, while using transferred post 9/11 G.I. benefits during a time in which the transferor is a member of the uniformed services serving on active duty, is enrolled in an Arizona university or community college; or
  - d. An individual who is the child or spouse of a person who, on or after 9/11, dies in the line of duty while serving on active duty as a member of the Armed Forces. (Sec. 1)
2. Contains an emergency clause. (Sec. 2)

### **Current Law**

Currently, a person must be granted immediate classification as an in-state student if they meet the following requirements:

- a. They use educational assistance under the post 9/11 G.I. benefits program while being enrolled in an Arizona university or a community college within three years after the veteran's discharge from active duty service of 90 days or more;
- b. They use educational assistance within three years after the service member's death in the line of duty; or
- c. The person remains continuously enrolled beyond the three-year period following the discharge of the veteran or the service member's death. ([A.R.S. § 15-1802](#))

According to federal law, the Secretary must disapprove a course of education provided by a public institution of higher learning to people who are pursuing the course with educational assistance, if the institution charges tuition and fees for that course for covered individuals living in the state which the institution is located. The assistance must be at a rate that is higher than the rate the institution charges for tuition and fees for that course, regardless of that person's state of residence. A covered individual is any individual who:

- a. Was discharged or released from a period of no less than 90 days of service in the active military, naval, or air service;
- b. Has less than three years before the date of enrollment in the concerned course; or

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- c. An individual who is entitled to assistance by virtue of the individual's relationship to a veteran. (38 § U.S.C. 3679(c))